

TERRA ANN RENTZ

ASSOCIATE WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST®

EDUCATION

B.S. in Wildlife Biology (*Management and Conservation*) and Political Science (*Environmental Politics and Sustainability*); minor in Environmental Ethics, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA.
Graduated December 2008.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 - Present The Wildlife Society Bethesda, MD

Assistant Director – Government Affairs & Partnerships

Responsible for working with the Director to provide leadership and guidance for TWS policy, government affairs, and partnership activities. Actively communicates with state and federal natural resource agencies, national conservation organizations, congressional staff, wildlife professionals and TWS membership to advance policy positions. Responsible for communication, outreach, leadership development, and assistance of TWS Subunits (chapters & sections) on matters relating to local, regional and national conservation affairs issues. Additional responsibilities include: overseeing the management and development of Technical Reviews, facilitating and managing peer reviews of federal and state regulatory planning initiatives, assisting with the implementation and instruction of TWS's Leadership Institute. Policy portfolio includes issues relating to: scientific integrity at the federal level, Farm Bill implementation, federal appropriations, climate change, invasive species, border security and wildlife, wildlife diseases, lead in ammunition, and wildlife baiting and feeding.

2009 - Present The Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Washington, DC

Teaming With Wildlife – Program Associate

Responsible for working with State Fish & Wildlife agencies and their Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) Coordinators to provide resources and communication and planning tools to better enable implementation and continuous revision of SWAPs. Work with states and partners to educate policy and decision makers on the importance of the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Program and the need for dedicated funding for the management of all fish and wildlife. Programmatic projects include but are not limited to: developing and distributing guidance for the incorporation of climate change into SWAPs; developing measures of effectiveness for SWG funded conservation actions; organizing and implementing a nationally scoped Anniversary Celebration for SWG program; the planning, organization and hosting of a national fly-in education and advocacy event in Washington, DC.

2009 Spring The Wildlife Society Bethesda, MD

Governmental Affairs - Policy Intern

Responsible for researching conservation issues, preparing background information for use in testimony or comments, assisting with developing content for Society publications, and attending legislative hearings, briefings, conferences, coalition meetings, and other events. Experience in drafting official policy reviews for The Society, issuing memorandum, and drafting and reviewing other statements of support. Other duties included working on special projects, assisting with messaging, and working collaboratively with local, state, and federal agencies and other nongovernmental organizations.

2008 Fall The Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy Washington, DC

Congressional Intern

Congressional intern for Congresswoman Grace Napolitano providing issue research, written responses to constituents, attending legislative hearings and committee meetings, and other support. Provided additional assistance to the House Committee of Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power.

2008 Summer Alaska Center for the Environment Anchorage, AK

Trailside Discovery Camps: Trips Program Manager

Managed and coordinated a team of outdoor adventure staff and programs for youth (ages 8 to 16). Designed and implemented training opportunities for technical adventure skills and abilities for staff. Responsible for budgeting and procuring annual equipment requirements, and ensuring operational and safe equipment for field use. Experienced in technical outfitting for large groups in outdoor field environment. Participated in risk management training and designed safety procedures for remote adventure programs. Instructed youth ages 10 to 16 on outdoor survival skills, low impact camping, and leadership development.

2007 - 2008

Humboldt State Associated Students, Inc.

Arcata, CA

President

Coordinated and successfully managed a team of 20 student leaders and 23 student programs for a non-profit government organization. Facilitated and organized training retreats and workshops. Maintained a liaison with campus faculty and administration and formulated working relationships focused on campus policy and student rights. Organized and participated in statewide higher education lobbying efforts. Prepared and managed a \$755,000 budget for 23 programs. Chair of the Associated Students Executive Committee and the Student Fee Advisory Committee, served on the University Center Board of Directors, and on other campus committees and university wide task forces.

2004-2007

California Faculty Association

Arcata, CA

Student Intern: Humboldt Chapter

Created and institutionalized the annual "Gettin' Funky with the Vote" Festival for students. Created a framework for student involvement with their education and aided the strengthening of student-faculty bonds on campus through workshops, rallies, and collaborative advocacy events. Organized and directed campaigns both locally and state wide for maintaining sustained funding for California's higher education system including local and statewide lobbying, letter writing, legislative input and review, and direct action events. Organized and hosted press conferences, town hall meetings, and local and statewide training events.

2006 Summer

Arizona Game and Fish

Seligman, AZ

Black-footed Ferret Reintroduction Project Intern

Performed population estimates through the density mapping method, the block transect method, and point counts with the use of a hand held GPS, topographic map, and compass. Planned, coordinated volunteers, and performed monthly multi-night spotlighting events. Managed database and density maps through Excel and Arc View GIS. Aided in the feeding, care, relocation, and soft release of adult, captive bred black-footed ferrets. Assisted in the trapping and processing of more than 20 Gunnison's prairie dogs which involved, but was not limited to, taking ear samples, affixing ear tags, implanting PIT tags, sexing, and marking for re-sight efforts. Additional activities included mist netting for bats in the Aubrey Valley, AZ and population surveys of freshwater fish through electro fishing along the Verde River, AZ.

2000-2005

Alaska Center for the Environment

Anchorage, AK

Trailside Discovery Camp: Environmental Educator/ Extended Trips Guide

Designed curriculum and educated youth (ages 4 to 16) on topics including geology, ecology, basic archeology, wetland ecology, botany, wildlife biology, and basic to advanced survival and low impact trail techniques. Led youth (ages 10 to 16) on week-long remote trips: backpacking, ocean kayaking, canoeing, mountain biking, rock climbing, and exploring marine habitats. Designed and implemented four (4) new environmental science and outdoor adventure programs for ages 12-13 and two (2) new week-long science and adventure programs for ages 14 to 16.

RELATED ACTIVITES

2002-2003

ANROE Conference

Anchorage, AK

Planning Committee Member/Seminar Presenter

The only student member of the planning committee for the Alaska Natural Resource and Outdoor Education (ANROE) Association Statewide Conference: *Discovering and Defining Environmental Education in Alaska*. Workshop presenter: "Fresh Perspectives," working with youth in the fields of environmental and outdoor education.

1999-2004

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action

Anchorage, AK

Volunteer Trainer/ Youth and Adult Facilitator/ Board of Directors Member

Organized and facilitated Youth Leadership Training events across Alaska encompassing local environmental issues, solutions, and methods of action. Other skills taught to Alaskan youth included public speaking, letter writing, effective media communication and use, and team building. Organized and facilitated the annual "Summer Get Together" which taught youth about environmental issues and leadership techniques.

AWARDS, HONORS & CERTIFICATIONS

- 2011 Certified Associate Wildlife Biologist ®
- 2007-2008 Outstanding Student of the Year, Humboldt State University
- 2007-2008 Recipient of the Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities
- 2006-2007 California Faculty Association W.H.O. Award, Humboldt State University

[Insert Subcommittee Name Here]

Witness Disclosure Form

Clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires non-governmental witnesses to disclose to the Committee the following information. A non-governmental witness is any witness appearing on behalf of himself/herself or on behalf of an organization other than a federal agency, or a state, local or tribal government.

Your Name, Business Address, and Telephone Number:

Terra Rentz, AWB® - Assistant Director of Government Affairs
The Wildlife Society

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1. Are you appearing on behalf of yourself or a non-governmental organization? Please list organization(s) you are representing.

Appearing on behalf of The Wildlife Society (NGO)

2. Have you or any organization you are representing received any Federal grants or contracts (including any subgrants or subcontracts) since October 1, 2008?

☒ Yes

No

3. If your response to question #2 is "Yes", please list the amount and source (by agency and program) of each grant or contract, and indicate whether the recipient of such grant or contract was you or the organization(s) you are representing.

See attached

Signature:

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Date:

March 7, 2012

The Wildlife Society, Inc.			
Government Grants			
<u>Govt Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
2009			
U.S. Geological Survey	\$137,674	Wildlife Phenology Program	
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive		08HQAG0127	
Reston, VA 20192			
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	\$10,000	16th Annual Conference	
1849 C Street NW			
Washington, DC 20240			
USDA/Aphis/Wildlife Services	\$15,000	16th Annual Conference	
1400 Independence Ave., SW	\$5,000	Native Students Travel	
Washington, DC 20250			
National Park Service	\$10,000	16th Annual Conference	
1201 Oakridge Drive			
Suite 200			
Fort Collins, CO 80525			
USGS Biological Resources Discipline	\$10,000	16th Annual Conference	
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive			
Reston, VA 20192			
USDA Natural Resources Conserv. Svc.	\$5,000	16th Annual Conference	
Agric. Wildlife Cons. Ctr			
100 Webster Circle			
Madison, WI			
2010			
U.S. Geological Survey	\$109,594	Wildlife Phenology Program	
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive		08HQAG0127	
Reston, VA 20192	\$3,000	Native Student Prof Dev	
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	\$15,000	17th Annual Conference	
1849 C Street NW	\$15,000	Native American Student Prog	
Washington, DC 20240	\$10,000	Blue Ribbon Panel	
USDA/Aphis/Wildlife Services	\$13,000	17th Annual Conference	
1400 Independence Ave., SW	\$5,000	Blue Ribbon Panel	
Washington, DC 20250	\$5,000	Native American Student Prog	
	\$17,000	Wildlife Professional mag.	
National Park Service	\$10,000	17th Annual Conference	

1201 Oakridge Drive	\$6,660	Blue Ribbon Panel	
Suite 200	\$5,000	Native American Students Prog	
Fort Collins, CO 80525	\$5,000	Human Wildlife Conflict Coll	
Bureau of Land Management	\$5,000	17th Annual Conference	
1849 C St. NW			
Washington, DC 20036			
USDA/National Inst. of Food and Agriculture			
1400 Independence Ave.	\$10,000	Blue Ribbon Panel	
Washington, DC 20250-2210			
2011			
National Park Service	\$10,000	Human Wildlife conflict collaboration	
1201 Oakridge Drive	\$4,000	Native American mentoring program (10,000 Seafha, WG)	
Suite 200	\$5,000	18th annual Conference	
Fort Collins, CO 80525	\$5,000	2012 Conference	
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	\$10,000	18th Annual Conference	
1849 C Street NW	\$5,000	Native American Student mentoring program	
Washington, DC 20240	\$10,000	Diversity Student travel program	
	\$53,305	DOI Youth Initiative (2 interns)	
	\$7,200	intern housing DOI youth initiative	
	\$2,800	DOI Youth Initiative - conf. travel	
	\$25,000	Wildlife Student Sponsorship Program Initiative	
USFWS-NCTC	\$5,000	Survey Asian-Pacific professionals	
	\$5,000	TWS mentoring site	
	\$5,000	CNRS Education Conference	
U.S. Geological Survey	\$137,706	Phenology Program	
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive	\$5,000	CNRS Education Conference	
Reston, VA 20192	\$10,000	Coop Research Unit alumni tracking	
	\$10,000	Native Student Professional Development	
	\$20,000	Hawaii Conf	
Bureau of Indian Affairs	\$15,000	Native Students Professional Development	
NW Regional Office			
Bureau of Land Mgmt	\$5,000	18th Annual Conference	
	\$5,000	17th Annual Conference	
	\$5,000	16th Annual Conference	

USDA APHIS NWRC	\$3,000	18th Annual Conference	
USDA APHIS WS	\$10,000	18th Annual Conference	